

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for his thorough review of the present application. Claims 1-43 are pending in the present application; claims 6, 8, 17, 18, 21, 31, 37, 39 and 41 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-4 are amended herein.

In the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants herein amend claims 1-4. Therefore, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-4 is considered moot.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-16, 19-20, 22-30, 32-36, 38, 40, and 42-43 are rejected as conflicting with claims 1-5, 8-9, 11-19, 21-25, 27, 29, and 31-32 of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/256,180 (hereinafter "the '180 Application"). It is unclear from the Office Action whether this double patent rejection is a statutory type double patenting rejection or an obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Applicants submit that the claims of the present application are not identical to the claims of the '180 Application. Therefore, Applicants assume that the Examiner meant to issue an obviousness type double patenting rejection.

Applicants therefore request clarification of the double patenting rejection set forth in the present Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are not obvious in view of the '180 Application. However, In the event that the double patenting rejection is an obviousness type double patenting rejection, Applicants are willing to submit a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution of this application.

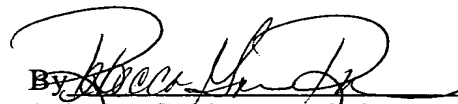
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims 1-43 in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500.

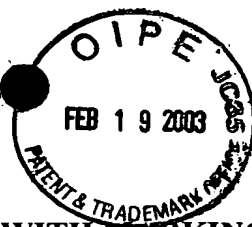
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Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A multi-domain liquid crystal display device, comprising:
- first and second substrates facing each other;
 - a liquid crystal layer between said first and second substrates;
 - a plurality of gate bus lines arranged in a first direction on said first substrate and a plurality of data bus lines arranged in a second direction on said first substrate to define a plurality of pixel [region] regions, each pixel region having a common-auxiliary electrode;
 - a thin film transistor positioned at a crossing area of said data bus line and said gate bus line, said thin film transistor comprising a gate electrode, a semiconductor layer, and source/drain electrodes;
 - [a common-auxiliary electrode comprising at least one electrode in the each pixel region;]
 - a plurality of pixel electrodes electrically charged through the thin film transistor; and
 - an alignment layer on at least one substrate between said first and second substrates.
2. (Amended) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the common-auxiliary electrode in a first pixel region of the pixel regions has first connecting parts which connect to [a] the common-auxiliary electrode in [a] a second pixel region of the pixel [region] regions, wherein the second pixel region neighbors the first pixel regions [neighboring the pixel region] in the first direction.

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3. (Amended) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein the first connecting parts have second connecting parts which connect to [a] the common-auxiliary electrode in a third pixel region, wherein the third pixel region neighbors [neighboring] the first pixel region in the second direction.

4. (Amended) The multi-domain liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein the common-auxiliary electrode in the first pixel region has protrusions crossing the first connecting parts.